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NEW 2 TSI YANG ROAD,
TSINGTAO, SHANTUNG, CHINA.

Dearest Mummie Mine! Oct 22, '34

I wrote a big letter to Ray + Eula + Bud + Bussie today. I've been home a couple of days + am now at the hospital to get those hemorroids taken out — you know what that is — The suffering was so acute this month — I guess my faith was not enuf to cure them + seemed best to get them out. The Dr. will be here soon — evening + I'll have to sleep but I wanted a note anyway to go to you! You'll not worry I'm sure for you know it is simple, + He is beside all the way, I'm at greatest peace about it + I know He will lead!

We had a very nice trip back really! Got on the boat + there was no very good place to sleep. The ship-owner told us that he'd bought a

new matting for us to sleep on so we'd have a clean place — The end of the ship was boarded up + overhead, the cover on it
Load was clear but not big enuf — but we waited. They were loading chestnuts in big gunny sacks + had finished Had time put them around the cover two on sides + one at end + it was just great — put on the new matting + made our bed as usual! So we had air, were away from the engine + a clean bed to sleep in. Flew just as they started the Kraut brake + it was like a long stay was ahead of us but the Seattle + were were reconciled to it boat went in — borrowed one from a boat that just came in — + on highlight at midnight brought it to us — we started the engine then + didint dare stop it till we arrived in Tsingtao! Funny!!
I'll tell you later about our last days in Wang Chia Tsai but christ was victor + there's a little church here
This time I've been of vile reputation — but for christ I am willing if he sees me worthy!
Flat place is Sodom —
I did send a card with Earl — ask him if he'd just forgotten to send it or perhaps intended

to bring it as it wasn't easy to mail. I have written Bud today telling him that I sent one + will another, if all things "all to" how that happen to dear old Bird — It just made me sick to read of it. Of course I'd feel badly! Anyway, It had old Chinese characters on it + I had the English translation wrapped in it. It was separate as everything had to be in small packages to go in the locker. Someone may have stolen it from Earl's locker + he forgotten about the! I know it got on the boat! Dear old Kid will have one, if the mail regulations here will take one, for sure! I'm so sorry!

AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN MISSION,
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TSINGTAO, SHANTUNG, CHINA.

Yes, I thought of them as Christmas but really doesn't matter to me so much! only Christmas there won't be any more!

We're so glad to know you were all so happy over the Japan trip. It was great indeed, How He's done just does provide marvelously!

I've a lot of letters to go thru of yours to answer but I'll do that after a few days —

tonite just heaps + heaps of love
to the sweetest Mother in the world,
My! I don't half appreciate God's
gift of a Christian home + Mother.
There there children's parents cursed
them for believing — a little lad
of nine prayed at school + other pounded
him — told go home + Mother curse!
I realized in a new way what it
meant that mine had you Mother
mine! God bless you + keep you
in the hollow of His love. Be sure
to keep the little list the treasurer
will send you — as my love remem-
brance. I'll not be happy unless
you do! Don't be too frugal!!!

Much much love
Mother mine + angelsguard
+ Keep you is. My prayer —

Lovingly Irene

5] I want to tell you the wonderful miracle of love that we've seen thru. I think in my last letter I told you how Mrs. Van Dusen has been so ill in the hospital. It is an old trouble — kidney + bladder, Well it just kept getting worse + worse past medication + there was nothing that the Dr. could do. The group meeting here at Rud's and we just turned into a prayer meeting + we've just been daily meeting for her. It has been marvelously answered tho it may mean a long painful convalescence + operation later (if they have to remove a kidney) but when we began to pray it came to me — "Must begin by confession of all concerned" that has been one of the wonderful parts of it — the heart reaching + cleaning up frankly of any little irritations or misunderstandings. It has made such a great change in Mr Van Dusen, I have had a lot of things shown me — spiritual pride + lack of love + lack of love for souls! My! I've had such a tumbling — but I'm just looking for the Holy Spirit's greater infilling — without it — I'm surely useless — This experience has brought us a new oneness + new dependence on each other + has been a blessing. Mrs. Van has so many contacts all over the city among foreigners especially + all have prayed. Even the Greek-Catholic (Russian) church had prayers for her. This time has been one of watching

& praying & we all feel that her life has been given for ours in answer to prayer. They have four children 2 in H.S. & 2 small (10 & 12). Mr. Van is older than she & has heart trouble so it has been a strain on him. Ruth has just been such a peach thru it all & I'm so glad to have gotten to know her to the depths — as she has me too.

Last week we went out to the park & saw what is available & make plans for the yard. Ruth & I will do it together — I'll still manage it while I'm gone — planting climbing roses on the wall & ivy — clumps of lilac, forsythia, azalea & spirea in corners — will have a little wisteria growing up the house wall. It will be lots of work but worth while. Went out in a fancy red carriage all glassed in — They are relics of some distant part of what country I am not sure — but we got there & back just the same. How do the boys decide who rides back & who in front? I'm anxious to know — I'll grow so that I'll not know them at all I expect. My papers say N.Y. is piled with snow. Can't you just imagine it! Clyde has been there. Hope he still has his job! I'll be glad to know when Earl is coming — I can't decide whether I should try to stay here in town in my rooms for him or not. — I guess not for he's so uncertain & if he does come he'll be on it. In the mean time I'm going to be a Baptist — I'm tired denominationalism — baptists especially

1 Pastor Liu (Pres) helped give communion to a baptist congregation + partook. The chinese feel these denominational lines much less than in U.S. They are more meaningless here + it is geared. Why should they be — as long as we'll true to the cross + salvation were one. Yes, you answered Betty Wrights greeting.

Your Card bringing the picture after Ray would not take funeral expense money sounds like just what we met all of the time! The human heart is the same all over! It must be a pretty picture. Strange winter you had. A letter from Mrs. Warner — tells she'd had to give up one of her missionaries — depression — had her teeth all out + plates not so satisfactory. Her address changed.

I find a clipping Ray sent some time ago about "Minors or Wane — by Hocking — It is still Rethinking Missions" in error — The need of change is for more earnest, Spirit-filled Christians — to live out Christ + that will cement the family together + meet social conditions. The change he proposes would not in my mind settle things. A good sound conversion + Christ in the heart is the greatest need of China as well as the world — + not a thin veneer of church-going + form —

good for the new church addition.!.
If I don't get Bessie Bush letter
in this I'll write them from the
country. Give my love to Bernyce
+ Noak + Elizabeth + Margaret
+ Robert. Say Winfield + Richard
haven't you studied letter-writing
in school? I'd like a sample of
it - with all the latest sport
news + school doings —

Must pack up - I think
I'll go this a.m. just the same -

Goodbye thanks Mumsie
dear for sending out
letters + love to you sister
mine + Ray. + all

Love.

Irene.

Guess Ruth
just wanted to
show you Eula - that
not only you owned
Lou twins.

You should see
the pretty fruit
napkins I
made out of
the dish towel!

In Hospital
November 1. 1934

Mumsie Mine:

Honey dear I'm sitting up in bed & am getting along famously Really, it is wonderful the way that the Master has been with me thru it all; the way that the prayers of the dear friends here have upheld me & have been so beautifully answered. I first praise Him for His Love & sweet care thru out. I have not had the least fear of outcome nor worry at all - The pain has been quite bad - the suffering for four or five days - but I am not suffering now & it seems to be healing nicely. I'll be home Sat. Miss Dan has been here all of the nights & most of the hardest days. She's such a jewel The first nights we got thru an

3 Your various letters have come + often I've written but not answered some of the letters + have carried them around with me. I have with me here quite a pile. Last evening I went all thru them again & I hope these few days to get them all answered, + questions cleared up. It was nice to have such a pile to read — There was one from Leb. in them — was surprised to find it. Most of them are the ones that piled up while I was in Japan + didn't have time to answer carefully before going down the coast + then on my return there were others —

Dinner is over now + I should sleep for a while. I'm to get up to sit up this P. M. I have been up in bed for a time fixing Ruth's + my yard account which was never counted up yet — + now I'll rest + write later

2 hours at a time & it was just no end of comfort to have her. Mrs Hill's mother wasn't well when we came in but this interval has given her time to be with her mother & she is better again. So they will likely go on Sat. to the country. I'll join them when able!

I have had such nice flowers — the first P.M. a big armful of lovely dahlias & now chrysanthemums friends have been so kind to come to see me. Matter as long as we have our wonderful Saviour you just can rest your heart — He always cares & provides more than even the desires of our hearts & the essentials then go without saying. His Love is so sweet & so big. I rest you too in that same wondrous love & know that even the lonely hours He will fill with Himself!

4] Sister Lena awakened me so I'll put up my knees + write ~~lying~~ down — hope you can read it. German nurses, of a certain Hospital. or order or all nurses I'm not sure — are called Sisters — they aren't callalig sister.

Your Feb. letter mentions boys leaving the ball game because of the beer suits. Is surely do praise Him for their backbone against it! Must be hard to avoid! So much propaganda.

Your July 28, speaks of not sending me a gift + then later dear you said I'll slip it in this + a later letter asks wletter you did or not. I Dearest I don't want you to send me gifts! I want you to use for yourself! You didnt put any in honey - that $1 I sent you was a gift that I had given me here dear! I want you to use it for yourself! Please Your sweet love is all the gift I want + I love that + Praise Him for you! Glad you had nice Synodical meeting. I ought to know regular dates of those meetings perhaps to get a greeting sent to them —

5] Mr. Bible came thru here but I was out in country — I'm sure they miss Harry. Had a wonderful letter from Anna — she is doing volunteer church calling in Seattle — being brave + carrying on! Thanks Fr. Mac Lean re cold room. That's same report we had. Our German drs. do not approve but would give it if we insisted.

Thanks for flower seeds you are sending will be glad for them. Our yard will need much work in spring! The trouble is matter of us know mud + I've no time we'll try. It wasn't read this year to considering. Thank Mrs. Shoenborn!

Matter on a recent letter there was a Mt. Rainier stamp + it reminded me of your letter + trip up Mt. The Dr. who operated is a keen stamp collector + I gave it to him. I must tell him about the bears — he hopes to go home by it later. It just made me homesick to see Western scenery on the stamps. One of Grand Canyon + old faithful!

7] No dear do not renew the Monthly Star maps - Keep the two dollars + I'll return the planet finder letter to you. Keep it for future, Maybe I'll get it later. Just keep it for the address.

Glad you'd a few days travelling with Bud + I know he enjoyed it! Yes, try it a year sending the money, Laney if the church wants to remember. I know it is so much easier to give a bar of soap tho for some who if it were money would feel 5¢ too small. However, I think it best to try it out — as they want Its always very nice to have soap on hand - + I've appreciated their gifts so much + often given the soap to others — don't urge them — with budgets short! Let them take an "in memory" offering + put it in the budget — That sounds like I were dead eh?!

The banner would be nice framed or hang it as a banner if you wish with tassels at sides like mine — either way you'd enjoy it most — it is for your pleasure

It just makes me sick to reread

the trip to Bethel too sounded so good! Those dear folks are just the salt of the earth! So glad Raleigh + Mary are happy. I mailed a gift before I went down coast. Am glad to hear that Earl really enjoyed his visit. No- the sandwiches were late — they had finished tea + by time the sandwiches arrived they'd to go to the boat + they took them along. He was so silent as to appreciation + hasn't written a line so I didn't know whether he'd really enjoyed it or not! All here up on hill were surely nice to help me make it nice!

I find that the cane will go in the mail bag so it can be mailed. Cook is getting it today + Mr. Tan will mail it soon. So it was Earl's girl that brought them up.

So nice that the Mac Leans helped out at church + that Helen was such a blessing to all of you!

8/ of the disappointment over the canoe but he's a letter already nearly three telling him. I do so thank you for telling me! I just can't conceive what happened his cane — the first one or this — will keep at it till he gets one I hope not so expensive.

I can't tell you what to send miss Tan. She gave her brother her watch. You might send a $1 & I'll put it in for her a watch fund. We can buy more cheaply here so that would be nice.

Hope Bessie is well by now! Eula not well — we're getting old — I feel since being in hospital twice within six months I must be — attention not!

Matter that last report was station annual report - you couldn't have helped me dear — I did send them to you to mail. I'll do my best to write after Matter in spite of your generous offer for once a month! Praise Idris — Jalna & Isabelle are pushing way interior to untouched work. Marvelous!

I laughed at Ray's comment on fixing its machine!

The fur came — since I came down here. Miss Tan opened it & is having a nice silk fur lined long garment to wear when in town.

9/ I got the silk a year ago for her. She needs the garment + will make good use of the fur since you don't need it. I have'nt seen the bloomers yet — no duty on the fur that I heard of. I am glad yours really warm enuf!
So sorry about the Stanleys What awful havoc drink does bring. That was three letters in Sept.

Friday a.m. Sat up a time yesterday after writing: Won't write too long this a.m. Had normal stool this a.m. & not very painful!
Was surprised at your move but it seems best — I hope you'll both enjoy each other. How do you manage about cooking? each cook your own on the one fire? Glad you've a bedroom downstairs & don't have to get up to build fires. Have you a stove in your rooms your sitting room?. How much is it a month? Do you divide lights etc I am glad you aren't alone. too,
Mumie dear, I was interested in the group meeting you went to

it brought again in a new light, that are saving many I cannot repudiate. What I have gone thru in revivals here & seen in lives I cannot deny. There were all kinds of criticisms of Moody & other revival leaders to begin, & there were failures in their converts too. That the Holy Spirit is doing a great new work now I know.

Mother, upon spoke of his mention of various sins & upon saying "Christ on the Cross" Praise God you've that assurance & you know that they are. But mother dear there are many may who don't. Just ever so many have testified to before this new experience — praying daily "God forgive my sins" but with a very indefinite idea as to what sins & when pinned down to it felt they hadn't many, or were better than average of others, failings were their dispositions at fault etc. But by letting the Holy Spirit convict found all sorts of pride, self-righteousness & failure to love others to forgive, to be praying for others & witnessing etc - they needed this shaking up. The confession is for instance when one feels the weight of sin to get a spiritual person, pastor or someone, & pray with them to Christ on the cross for forgiveness.

10| The movement has spread so rapidly
just this year thru Canada. I had
been wondering whether there might
not be a problem of enuf proper leaders
capable + able to really present
Christ. I wonder what sort that
man was but the very fact of
saying it was O.K. to lie + lied
to save a girl rather puts a question
I'm enclosing a little pamphlet
which gives some principles —
he didnt measure up to them —
I'm not defending that man nor
the people who believe anymore than
I defend Will Hays, a Pres. elder
who is responsible for such rotten
movies nor a number of Pres.
missionaries whose doings I do
not approve, —

However, I don't want to be
arguing either, but even so the
old principles of the Bible + Christ

12) the public testimony is in restrained terms only general of what Christ has saved you from. However, if you are guided to witness more particularly in order that someone else may see themselves & their sin you may do so — It isn't confessing everything in detail to all church. However, some of the Chinese revival groups insist on it being confessed all before group. As they put it Christ was held up naked before the world for my sin — So I'm to be willing to have mine known in lonely & if it will help someone else. Most sins are open anyway to the extent that everyone knows us pretty well & even in confession it is only an honest acknowledgment. "Now, I see myself as you've all seen me & now I want to change I repent" We make Jesus lose face before men why not before men admit our fault. A missy in Japan — just now converted after 30 yrs missy work (impossible you say but true) when he shared with his church board & told them how indifferent to souls, etc he'd been they said "Well, we've wondered when you'd ever wake up to see yourself!" It is an honest taking off the mask & being actually oneself before the cross & taking Christ's purity & forgiveness & freedom.

My) David in Ps. 51 confessed his sin

13] & while his sin doesn't concern you & me personally yet God forgave it & has used that experience & prayer of David's to bless hundreds. We need that Ps. 51. God let David share his sin with us to help us. Paul has made no secret of his sins. Peter & his are all there. We see what he was & what Christ made of him & then any one of the worst of us has hope that we too can come.

A man went to preach in a Penitentiary. Five minutes fire Sunday before God all preached on the prodigal Son — "You're the prodigal" etc. This man also used the prodigal — but said, "I was the prodigal — I was guilty of sin but the court didn't get me — I was just as deserving of punishment as you — but Christ by grace saved me & he can save you. His message won them.

15] after my humiliation of having to apologize to the tailor — that has helped me & tells you that to do it again. That one may fail again, yes, but its different. It isn't saving oneself either.

I'm not defending Oxford groups as Oxford groups. The principles of 1. getting after sin honestly facing it in light of Jesus standards 2. confession 3. restitution & apology 4. Sharing to help oneself in strength & to help others 5. absolute surrender of ones all to god -6. Seeking his guidance are what I've found foreigners live thru those who'd been at Oxford — not that any others couldn't have done it but they didn't — These same principles have been in a great revival in Honan China & they've never known name "Oxford" — A great revival in Burma has come & on the same lines tho not in connection in name with the groups.

Matter in my teaching days in Woodbourne I could have said glibly "My sins are on the cross" but in my

144 While the sharing of ones sin with another person has no relation to Christs forgiveness of it it is perfectly true that it has a big share in the victory over that sin. For a sin — just I know it — it is easy just to go to Jesus + ask for forgiveness + the next day do the same thing again + ask forgiveness again. The thing hasn't cost me anything. But to actually put that sin into words, to take the humiliation of admission to another + together to go to Christ is humiliating to self + costs a bit + leaves its impression, I love it, no matter how you explain it + I can't exactly, a new gripping on Christ not to commit that again. There is a new victory + power that comes — A missy there just intrusted to this in her life a few days ago to me. "I prayed + prayed but never seemed to get the victory. After dragging my sin out + viewing it in its blackness, sharing with someone + our prayer I've a new victory."

16] heart I'd not given Jesus my sins, I liked them + wanted to sin + I knew in my heart they were on me until my surrender at Moody. Is the sort I was then that need this definite shaking up. Absolutely they are on the cross now. I know it became I've given them to him + He's forgiven them. + know what sin definitely (at least in part) In the local group there are weaks on the theology I hope Roy will get in a lead them + help on that — The Spirit of God is working + in their weak they need Roy's help. Opposition will not check God's Spirit, that is of the It has with pastors here who opposed + many of them see it now but are it willing yet to admit wrong! Maybe that's why the group is so strong doctrinally — + it isn't the heart issue here — judgmental in to it Intellect have gotten right

Well, honey, mine all so far to go to become like Christ. God is so big + works in so many ways to try to reach all kinds + dispositions + oh the need of Him + His Power being released today in the World! May He give us open humble hearts to accept Him + lead us day by day to a bigger love for souls a bigger sympathy + more christ-likeness.

This a big letter — two days effort now I'll close dear heart of mine — Keep well + be sure to let us know your needs — Bud + Warren all my love — Irene

Tsining, Shantung.
Nov. 5, 1934

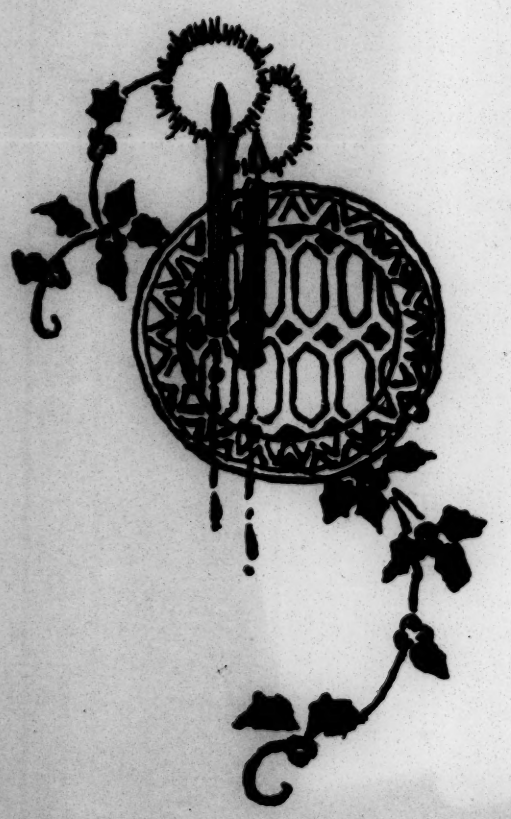
Dear Friends;

As we travel through the country and see the peanuts and sweet potatoes being harvested and the leaves turning to beautiful reds and yellows we are reminded that our Christmas letter must be written soon if it is to arrive in America and other countries by the Yuletide season.

The past year has brought many causes for rejoicing. Two of our country circuits have been able to call their own Chinese pastor and pay his salary one for two months and the other for four months out of the year. This is a very definite gain in self support. Our new hospital is meeting the physical needs of many,many people and not a few have found their spiritual needs met there as well. The kindergarten,primary schools and the girls junior high school are increasing in numbers while the Women's Bible School continues to meet a great need in training women in Bible study and giving them incentives for better and happier homes.

We covet your prayers for each branch of our work in Tsining that, in the coming year, there may be a deepening of spiritual lives and a greater zeal on the part of all our Christians to share their Christian experience with those who do not yet know the Prince of Peace.

May His love everflow from your lives and ours in the New Year before us and may He use us all in bringing in His kingdom here on earth; this is our New Year prayer.



It is the calm and solemn night
A thousand bells ring out and throw
Their joyous peal abroad,and smite
The darkness,charmed and holy now.
The night,that erst no name had worn,
To it a happy name is given:
For in that stable lay new-born,
The peaceful Prince of Earth and
Heaven,
In the solemn midnight
Centuries ago.
-Alfred Domett-

Affectionately yours,

Deane and Stella Walter

Farrell, Pa.
Nov. 6, 1934.

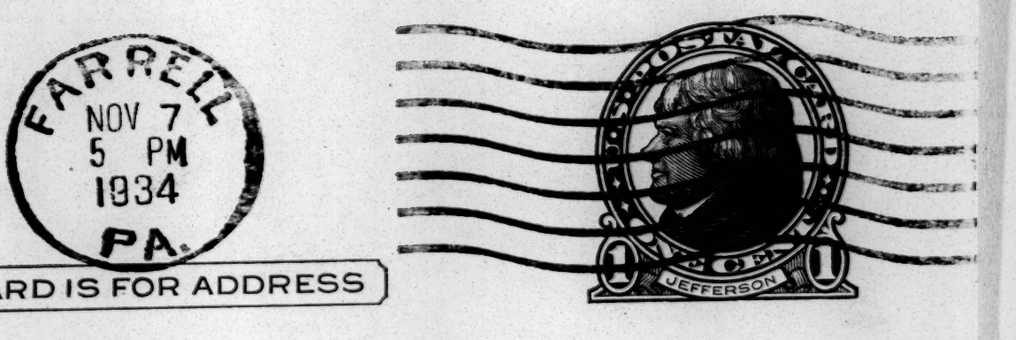
Dearest Mrs. Forsythe.

Thank you for the mission report, which Mrs Allen is going to use at her Missionary Society! I rejoice that Irene is doing so well.

I forget what I sent Irene for Christmas; but she is most welcome to whatever I sent. Sometime I want to visit China.

I lead a very busy life: too busy for my own good. (The doctor says I am shortening my days. I hope not!)

Love to you & Evelyn, & to Helen when you write. I spent the summer on Cal. & Mex. & did not go to Oregon even after, Julia.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. E. J. Forsythe,
710 Jefferson St.,
Oregon City,
Oregon.

Home – Nov. 15-34

Dearest Mumsie Min + all my dear loved ones there;

Just a note this a.m. that I can mail on the way to Dr's. office. — I've been home ten days now + am getting along nicely. Just a little place not yet healed up + I'm trying to save up meal strength + get well to hurry out to country. Miss Jan + Theo went before I left hospital to country but had a sewing woman Mrs. Klin come to Rebers + help me. She went home yesterday — served + was here to help when I needed. The first few days needed her more — now She's gotten all my tabs + runners mended! Mother I had her make upon a silk + cotton padded bed jacket

call it birthday or just love gift. You spoke of getting in bed to read a - I have a short one Martha gave me that has been such a comfort + I've used it much. So cold morning you want to read in Bed or go to bed early it will be toasty warm! Mailed it yesterday. Today - after much inquiry + many trips by ~~boat~~ men gotten the cane in a box + lies on the way to post office. I had another big job too aff. The money for rabbits + my board in Japan that last five days. - I was to send in Chinese things so with illness it has been a bit of a job - but had slapmen bring things here

to pick out so still have a nice surprise bundle I think - I hope still like them.

I still hope to get letter off to Warren & Bud. Tell Bud to write to Washington D.C. for a permit to send that rose. I'd made ard inquiries here & almost had a box made when I found that I must have that permit to send with it or they'd reject it. So Bud get me that & when it comes will see about weather then. Be sure not to have a limit-date on it for maybe spring Mard or April that I'll be able to mail it now.

Presbytery is on now & my heart just goes out there!

Mrs Tant & Uncle are having a

women's class to there,
I'll be back likely Mon. + sure
Tape by end of week to get off.
I'm just hanging on in faith that
I'll get to go.

Carl goes home to 1 yr. anniversary of his father's death. So I'll eat with Ruth. I have a busy come to quiet fries + run errands.

I must get along now — want to walk in the sun at least part way ——

Much much love
Mumsie dear! Journal for the
200 — per yr. you'll have to get fat to eat so much
+ hurt out your rooms buying things!
all right — Enjoy it —
Bye dears — Love —
Irene

Tell Mrs. Hitt I'll write her soon. Glad she's feeling better. Tell Mrs. Hall I'll write her soon. Glad she's feeling better.

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Mr. E. J. Forsythe
710 Jefferson Street
Oregon City
Oregon
U.S.A.

青島轉美國

Yueh Hua Chuang
Tsingtau.
Nov. 2nd 1934

Dear Mr. Forsythe:
Your letter mailed from the
U.S. arrived here
the time

We'll a nice place to
stay with a warm
King. Have four other
places to go — "dead"
So please pray for them.
We stopped over night
on the way & visited
two churches, where
Mr. Heick (whose nephew
was wanted by bandits
& he went instead)
He's still so earnest
& a real leader there!
Pete rains good for his
troubles!

much love
Mother mine —
Lovingly, Dreine.

Kuo Chia Chuang
December 4, 1934

Dearest Mummie Mine:

There will be a chance in a few days to send a letter in somewhat quicker than by mail so I'll start a letter & write on it as I can tomorrow. These days surely have been full — yet not so full either but there hasn't been any time either to write.

Tues 4. 1934.

Before wing up — This is my last chance to write a bit — so I'm doing some before we begin our packing up to leave for the next place. These days after classes even has been full — praying with folks who wanted to confess their sins — Yesterday was a full day — We'd hardly gotten breakfast over when two women came about something & visit. After meeting (Did wing to 10 commandments) we had a precious time with the old mother of Pastor Kuo — he

3] great ( ) he's true with the ancestar worship —

after P.M. meeting — a daughter-in-law of a "newly rid" family who'd been in mission school in early years ^ confessed her sins + then a non-christian bride waited while we ate supper + poured hers out before the evening meeting. We weren't thru the meeting when a woman came to get us to go to pray with her brother. This 18 yr-old lad has done all on the calendar — + matter how it grieves him a good example either — but became lad lone + all family frightened by his spitting blood. (sister died with evidently quick consumption) ~~He came out to drink tea with a teacher but came spitting blood —~~ Matter + daughter-in-law carried him in + when we arrived he was on the floor weakly groaning called "Jesus" — matter bride him praying about sins. We questioned him + he frankly confessed a nasty mess + after meal

Yi has no one at all & lives with ~~them~~. He is 70 over & all these years has at new year hung up his chia pu (family genealogy & worshiped his ancestors giving a few bowls of food himself! Here days the pastor's wife was deeply convicted of sin (she is a second wife) & ah she did so resist the Holy Spirit for days until she couldn't eat nor sleep - then she came & what a big outpouring of sin she had. She went home & begged her sister-in law forgiveness, & daughter's out her uncle's (she'd fought with him clear on to the street this spring) She could'nt get out to ask him for forgiveness. After church on day we helped her by introducing the subject that night before all the group & non-Christians she witnessed & publicly asked his pardon — from that time the old mother has softened. He went a few minutes later to get the child she was holding. Yesterday he got his sin all poured out — & my it was

4/ all prayed + Ted prayed —
he got up - saying - "I'm all right
now - not weak as I was". —
This one just pray will be a
real turning point in his life
+ that healed or not, Will really
take Christ as His Saviour +
just from fright call to Him —
Rather full day — but very
much like the last few days.
— of course we've not had the
spitting blood kind everyday!
The Holy Spirit has been so good
- to help us — (that sounds proud -
what I mean is that it has been
a privilege to see the Holy Spirit
work - with even us as his
mouthpieces to bring new
life + reality of sin + salvation
to the whole group — We
humbly praise him. Non-Christians
have come because the
awful stench the matter of
that boy has given Christ's name
by her open adultery —

5 She confessed some but her real repentance + change will be seen in her leaving that sin absolutely. Pray for her -

There were two non-Christians relatives of the pastor here for the wedding of his daughter - they both from absolutely untouched villages. The one came especially to hear when she knew we were here. The Spirit just gripped her from the first. She too came to pray. She was so humble + hungry for the Master. If the Lord so leads us we hope to go later to her village to open it up. We just praise Him. She also had a son who has been a bandit + was convicted + beheaded this spring + as a result of that his bride committed suicide. The mother's heart was just broken. Of course it isn't easy. She confessed sin but not the worst ones, I guess because afterward she said

7/ to leave the little groups — just awakened to new life — She old uncle came for our load bags + had tears in his eyes — Somehow he reminded me of Father — Daddy Sigh — glated to leave them —

We counted up new non-Christians definitely saved to — 117 — (all of the groups practically) made for first time confession of sin, the old christians, + others not with us, All witnessed to the difference — mere nominal belief + this new real experience / a number of quarrels settled + new life come to them.

They brought us yesterday to this place / 3 villages close together Some Baptists in one village + here a handful. And at one time they baptized here 80 non-christians + now not a dozen to be found — the rest not even willing to admit that they were ever baptized even — That comes of just taking a group without any insistance on rebirth + confession of sin etc. Just say "believe" + let it go at that. Never mind what they believe! Here is a big church building. Last nite there were a lot out but tonight was great after today's Sleeping

6] Why are it atter have had such a release on confession of sin. I have it. Likely she's some of her son's load at home that she wasn't willing to admit. It surely is true - you can't deceive Jesus. It never fails - if one honestly pours out all sin he never fails to give that great peace - but as sure as one tries to confess the respectable ones only - surely one will not get that assurance. Later Sam & Sfit Si Pa just here we stopped to pray with two more - one woman baptized as a child but for over 20 years not been to church. My! She did have a burden of sin but she just cut with them all! & the expression of her very face changed. - went home & apologized to her husband, mother & child & at the little meeting for our goodbye made public witness She (dreamed and spoke clearly to her "Get that stone out of your heart") atter lady, had an affair with husband had not spoken to anther for years & they two got that out before the group —

My! we surely felt unworthy to see His glory — & we hated so

Ø order + getting seats harrassed + the three meetings today with Sini in all its "Chinese dress" brought out! My how I do praise God for these wonderful coworkers - Mrs Hsu + Miss Law. It surely is a joy to be able to work with them! The Holy Spirit has richly used them! Miss Law there two days bad bronchitis + we do just pray for her quick recovery. There were over 300 there tonight + all quiet + so — My! needs feel sure the Holy Spirit will do a great work here — build His church on a new foundation — + make a new beginning. How we praise Him! The Holy Spirit must do it we're helpless!

Chew Kang is pretty small here but we're O.K. living in a widow's home — in her daughter-in-laws room. Last place three rooms all to ourselves + new + roomy. This time crowded up but happy to be here — the physical convenience is a small matter — my! I marvel at the way the master has changed me — 10 years ago time "likeths" — never! Now I'd not change for anything. Writing after meeting as a woman will take this in a.m. to man who goes to Jungtoo on monday. I'll close now — Heaps of love to all! + I love you so much! Matter I hope the new home is satisfactory! — much love — more later! — Love Irene

only thru the cross of Christ + thru his blood, that I can stand. I've a new sympathy + less icy bitter condemnation in my heart — His Grace has saved me from so much + but for His grace it would have been more — We're all sinners saved by grace + praise Him for His love + victory.

AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN MISSION,
NEW 2 TSI YANG ROAD,
TSINGTAO, SHANTUNG, CHINA.

I'm sure sorry that M.C. has given college recognition to dancing + card playing but it comes to me I must write president (Br. Sons whom I knew in college) + say at least I am responsible for what ever influence I had there that tho against rules I danced + played "Rook" not cards + was in one of the sororities before they were recognized. How much of what I helped set rolling is now what I am sorry about. I do not know but I must make restitution to the extent of saying I'm sorry now, + for use of a certain chemistry notebook for band equations. Of course I can't involve any other persons. Once one day at Kanagawa all day this notebook kept coming to me - That nite the leader read in Acts the burning of the books + the phrase followed, and the word of the Lord wrought mightily" So that is the

promise which I claim. More cleanness & even valuable book & more valuable reputation offered to him - He will glorify Himself & that is all I ask, Even too that same night when I was getting up courage to decide to write & to confess it. a man got up & told how several years ago he'd been convicted of cheating in a Greek exam & promised then to write to his college but had put it off till that day & had written the letter. My letter must be written as soon as I get this done —

Well, you'll be worn out with such a long letter! It has been a long time since I've had time to write so. Well honey you know your daughter to the depths - God still loves me - more I know for my cleaning out & I am sure of your love too. My - How good it is to have our dear loved ones — I do so praise Him for you honey for your loving prayers which saved me from that marriage & brought me to the mission field & held me to Him. & for your sweet self sacrificing love now & your giving me to come —

He will Himself be with you. I just trust all to Him. We had a nice "jolly" little earthquake the other night. A Japanese friend calls them lullaby earthquakes — Was glad to experience it since it was harmless. Plenty I have.

Hua Li chuang
January 19, 1935.

Dearest Mumsie + all:

There is a man going in to Jinglas tomorrow so I'm taking this chance to write a bit at least — so you'll have at least a letter from China + know that we're well, safe + happy. I may not get a big letter off as it is Sunday + we've just had dinner — There is an afternoon service at chapel + Song service tonight but I want to write you. Saying Song services — reminds me of the great grace + power to pray. I have my Pa-mo's little folding organ here!! At times I just suddenly seem overwhelmed with longing to play. When Isabel went in I begged Marie to let me borrow her organ if she weren't using it. She did + sent it out to me + Ruth found the lovely old black coat — so we've just enjoyed it so! Last Sun we all the family nearly were in Mother Fan's drug room + we did have a sing! Likely will again tonight. The coat has brought another big pile of mail + in it two letters from you "Mumsie mine" + one from Ray which

I enjoyed immensely! Am going to answer all together in this letter. Roy, I surely do appreciate your taking time out of a rushed schedule to write me + by hand too! Such a literary burst it was — with its sentimental flights + great longing to know that some quadruped ever had hoss in sight! Roy you're just hopeless — the old pride of the male sex — thinking that it only one is to be had that is his! ☺ Thank you for your permission — so glad to include all the varieties you mentioned. But you know about the "old-maids" exceptions + how they grow greater with the years! I fear mine have grown so high that long sticks can't reach my eyes! I hear you groan? Yes — you're destined to have an old maid sister-in-law from now + forever! Too bad to be so heartless isn't it? But really I appreciate your interest! I fear the distance is a bit great to help much! Wait till I'm too old to go to the country villages + then I'll consider it maybe! Too bad!

I'll keep your letter for further reference!

Sun — funny too to have boys stepping out to U.S. doings. How I know I can't let them change in my mind somehow. It's like my taking a flirt to Robert who is already engaged — I suspect they'll be rounding up those little animals till my next furlo. + Margie calls. I pray often that the Fathers will keep them safe + pure in their trip. Tis the brief answer. I'm sure Japs weapons rate brief not be more than skin deep — someday — then I'll go home that way. The China slipper looks to be a beauty. Was glad for news items. I have been such a long-yet little news this time from station they sent me papers + magazines. The students have struck all over China in protest to its independence of northern China. Chiang Kai Shek has had representation from all over China at Nanking to talk over the situation with them. Seems now the fight would be sure defeat but are preparing for a future war. At this moment all the various heads of China seem united.

Before this Mercurius & the Catholic Digest Readers Digests" give more material which fits him into that role. I wonder

Surely he is a forerunner at least! Yes it is a great time to be living in! I believe it can't be so long before He returns—
May it be soon!

So love such a loving family — to be so lovingly remembered is surely the gift right from Jesus own heart + I thank Him. Yes I can visualize your Christmas — much fuller than you can mine. Sometime I can maybe picture it all to you. It was a blessed time here too. I wish you could have seen the wedding yesterday + I enjoyed the wedding much as of old — only under very different circumstances. (Bride came) first about ten o'clock 9 p.m. the band blew a blast on the long horn + we all went to see the groom how the red silk streamers tied around him crossed in back + a pom-pom in front + down to floor on sides of his long silk garment + a circular [illegible] red flower decoration (laugh!) to red flower pinned on his front
Then he went — preceding the band to next street + back to enter the brilliantly decorated (with yellow + silk festoons) bride's chair to be carried to bride's home — An empty green + silk decorated chair for groom to return in followed at Where he had a feast + then brought back, he riding in the green chair +

bride in red sedan chair. Two men here met a team + two
women - met bride's chair + led them walking on a blanket
spread on the ground up to altar. The wedding
was in the street in front of groom's where a table
was covered with a red blanket + on it were
two vases of artificial flowers. The street was
crowded - see a wedding is a free performance
the more folks witness it the greater the face of the
family. By much shouting + pushing they got an
aisle thru the crowd. Bride (christian wedding
this differs from Non-Christian that here they fix
an altar + worship Heaven + earth with food
offerings, paper + incense.) This bride wore deep pink
silk garment + trousers with pink veil, deep red
pom-pom on her head + flowers wreath on her head-
bride's room is especially fixed before the
the wedding with the furniture + bedding which
has been formerly sent to the groom's home,
today then she goes back to mother's home!
This week has been full that has been the
last week. The seven days before were
busy - caring for + taking part of adopted
daughter in old Mother Tan's last illness +
burial. It has been a gift as well as
a beautiful lesson to me about death.
We came back from the chia to one
big non-christian funeral in progress!
Old Mother Tan went to the grave + was too
wearied - Imagine 91 years old -

She feel + hurt her head Each day we could
see such a failing in strength, till she on the

& third day just peacefully & beautifully stopped breathing. She lived, especially the last years such a life of prayer — one would run across her anytime of day sitting wherever she'd happen to be praying. Matter mine, She's worn that pillow you made her just threadbare. Since she's had it she's carried it & a mat with her wherever she went to have it to sit on. In the last she was praying.

It was a sweet experience for me to be here — the last of a most happy relationship! See I didn't get to be with Daddy Si & somehow to help her was a comfort & sort of a recompense. You know I'd never seen anyone die & Mumsie you know my fear of the dead — well this has given a great release. I remember you telling me that if it were one whom you loved there was no fear — it was so with her. Eula said how she loved to go into room where Daddy Si was laid out just to pray & feel near him. Well I know now what she meant. The wedding clothes were done years ago — a blue skirt similar in style to the bride's red skirt & black silk outer garment over a red cotton padded one & blue padded one. A black square of cloth folded at forehead covered head. As soon as she'd gone they put clothes on her — all family witnessing & carried her to a bedroom how fixed the funeral mattress of red cloth & the sister-in-law tied red head cover so she looked natural like sleeping all covered.

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They gave me a long white garment & veil to clothe
to cover my felt shoes & long white cloth to
fold 3" wide & tie around my head, a bit of
hemp to tie around my waist. This I wore the
three days. She was kept & went at certain
times to sit with family beside her. Some stayed
there all the time. She had a very thick wooden
coffin — too wide to go thru gates — except the big outer
gate — so carried her out to coffin & then took her to
a large open space where they'd rented a big tent
put up. There they put a glass screen
around coffin & family were all in front or at
sides. There on funeral day the relatives from far &
near came to pay respect to dead. Non-Christians
bring paper to be burned — Christians give money
gifts. Some relatives send long strips of cloth,
— banners with paper characters printed on — to be
carried in the procession & later used by family,
Ownership in this. The adopted daughter paid me
to get a piece of red silk cloth — one strip on
which in gold ink in large letters were printed
the date & death & age.

There was a fretwood cover put on the glass screen
& series of silk tassels hung down over the
sides. This made the hearse — all carried on

long thick poles on. mens shoulders. I truly
at the Funeral of Babul Qadr must have just
made all races in a heap - the Chinese +
we being at the two outer extremes -
To us, certain outward expression of affection in the
home is permitted but grief is in secret or
at least controlled if possible. Here it is just
opposite. Expression of affection is quite secret
but sorrow is expressed in a loud wailing
call. "Oh. my master ah-ah-ah" My years of habit are too deep - I still
find it hard to find a secret place to cry — the more
the latter wept aloud the more I rejoiced that
for one not to express grief so is the cause for
all sorts of ridicule by non-C. There is a proverb when
father died - he went in utter silence behind
the door + that's been a stumbling-block to
many Christians ever since, "Son who believes in Jesus
becomes like an animal" The family understood
me — but all along the funeral route I heard
spectators — hurling the adopted daughter +
asking if she cried! I formerly rather dreaded
this experience but it wasn't as I feared sometimes
it was unreal + like playing a part in some
story — otherwise it was too real to
think of that. The picture you gave her memories

Mumsie dear thanks ever for the letters —
So I'll close. Yours radiogram reached
me last just before Christmas - picked up
finally in Shanghai + forwarded. I thought
it odd because it spoke of moving but
here your recent letters tell of it as recent.
If it means a move with every moon it is
well that there aren't more moons in a month!
I'm glad you're nearer Eula - that will
make you all the happier. I'm sure. You'll
not want to be moving from there -
fine you're so ... nicely settled. Bud thought
that place ideal so this must be just
fine! I'll answer your letters later -
will stop now here. Had a grand
letter from Warren + I was so happy over
it.

Good night dear ones —
We're to have 3 day meetings here the 1+2+3
of New Year in church. I'm to take half of
them - three meetings —

Much love — must close
love to all —

Irene

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Shanghai

Dear Kay-

Received your welcome letter yesterday & was glad to get all the news. Miss Lan seems to be the two of us. Enclosed letter just to get a letter out. Will be glad to say I'm coming to see you & the kiddies at Xmas. Will be glad to see the kiddies

Christmas mail came out to Swatow. Matter mine I pray that God will give you great joy + praise + thankfulness as you use the little bit that comes each month from the Board. You must not feel that you are doing wrong. Just praise Him that His Love has supplied it + do not worry about me. I can send you more if you need, just think if I couldn't help that way I'd love to come home to care for you that none could be for Him. — as it is I am still able to be here + He provides for both of us. I have enuf for my needs here; You must not worry! Just be glad + You make me feel sad that you hesitate to use it Matter mine. Praise Him for you Matter dear. Glad you're comfy in new home. — Love to all — I'll write later. Enjoyed pictures so — not so sure of identity of twins as in past! —
I love you all so — Irene

Tsining, Snantung.
Jsn. 25, 1935

Dear Friends;

Midwinter in Tsining affords a bit of a lull in the work. The weather is too rough and cold for much to be accomplished in the country. Schools have their vacations and even the hospital has fewer patients,usually,for who csn bother being cured of his ailments when it is time to be getting ready for the New Year festivities? Yes, the lunar New Year season still hss its hold on the folks of this part of Shantung.

We have one special evangelistic effort that finds its prime opportunity at this season. We put up a big tent near the south gate of Tsining City where all the leisure crowds gather. It is in the midst of the rendesvous of all the fortune tellers, acrobats, story tellers and entertainers of all kinds who foregather to relieve the leisure folks of their spare coppers. All day long the crowds come and go at the big tent and a corps of speakers take their turns in presenting the gospel. First hour is for the children and is a kind of a Sunday School hour.

Although I said above that this season cf the year is too rough to accomplish much in the country the chief thing I want to tell about in this letter is a trip to the country taken a short time ago. We itinerators have a story with which we console each other from time to time when we travel together. It is the story of an old lady who rose in prayer meeting and said that she thanked the Lord "that life is made up of nothing but satisfaction and misery nohow." Well,this trip was just a bit of life. Let me tell about the misery first.

When we set the date for this trip we indulged the fond hope, though we knew it was precarious, that roads might happen to be as good as they were last year when at this same season I made a trip with much speed and satisfaction in the Ford. But as our date drew near we discovered that the rains had made the roads so bad that there was no hope of using the Ford. Not even the trusty wheelbarrow could negotiate such "sloughs of despond" as marked our path. At last we got a carter who was willing to take our party and the trip which by car would only have required three half day runs required five days of travel. It was my first experience of travel by "horse cart" That term is a misnomer for every one of the three beasts that dragged us through mud and snow was a <u>mule</u>. The cart itself is a lofty contrivance on two high wheels. We all huddled on top clinging to one another or to the luggage on which we sat as the cart lurched over the unspeakable unevennesses of the road. Once on an innocent looking stretch of road I tried a semi-reclining position. A sudden savage lurch sent me plunging headlong to the earth. Fortunately the earth had already risen to meet me and presented a nice bank of clay instead of the rocks it might have furnished. Just the same I discovered that landing on one's head leaves a jammed feeling along the upper spine for some time and has a very bad effect on spectacles. There were six of us clinging to that precarious perch. On the return trip snow and a bitter north west wind added to the misery.

I've said enough about the miseries I'm sure and now I had better tell of the satisfactions of the trip. Our party was a committee of presbytery and we were going to visit two of our country circuits which had petitioned presbytery at its latest meeting for organization. Our commission was to investigate the situation and if their preparation was found satisfactory to organize them as churches. Further we were to ordain the young seminary graduate whom they had called to be their pastor. He was a member of our party on the cart.

We were pleased to find on our arrival that the fields had made the preparations we had expected. One was able to provide the salary for the pastor for four months out of the year and the other with a smaller membership provides his salary for two months. The remaining six months of the year he will be in the employ of the mission and his work will be elsewhere for we are working on the principle that organized fields are not to be subsidized but are to have just as much pastoral service as they pay for. From the standpoint of service this will represent an advance for these fields for in the past they enjoyed only occasional visits from the missionary and the services of a lay worker. They paid nothing themselves for these services so the gain from the standpoint of self-support and of assumption of responsibility is very definite. This is a great satisfaction to us, and the answer to our earnest prayer.

Definite preparation for this step in these two circuits began about a year ago. In one quite a large group of people pledged one twentieth of their year's crops to the cause. When, in May, a terrible hailstorm absolutely destroyed the wheat crops of many of them and again in the fall the beans and kaffir corn suffered from the floods we wondered if they would be able to raise any money to call a pastor. In the face of such discouragements we feel that their victory in attaining the goal is much greater than it would have been in an ordinary season. We join with them to praise God for it.

I have just been studying with the aid of a county map the evangelistic task that lies before one of these new churches. Its nine preaching points are scattered through a county and include a small section of another county. The 250 church members belonging to these points have their homes in about fifty-eight different villages. In the county seat, which is rather distant from any of these points our Baptist friends have a work which I suppose touches another dozen villages. This is the only other Protestant work in the area. Now then if you can imagine saying that a village of some hundreds of people is evangelized if at least one person who is a baptized church member has his home in the village we might say that seventy villages have been evangelized by Protestants. But on the map, which is not likely to be complete, I counted over eleven hundred villages. The Catholic work may be somewhat more extensive than ours but I have no figures for it. At all events I think I would be safe in saying that three fourths of the villages are untouched either by Catholic or Protestant work. And as for the latter one village out of sixteen has at least one Protestant church member and in a population of about half a million one out of fifteen hundred is a church member. It goes without saying that the task of evangelizing the area must not yet be turned over to the new church alone.

Faithfully yours,

Deane C. Walter

January 28, 1935
Hsu Li Chuang
Miss Tan's home.

My Precious Family;

Now at last I can have a decent visit with you - that is if my hands warm up to make writing legible. It is cold today in spite of a charcoal fire on the Kang. The air is spicy but I hope it will make me speed up & get your letter off soon.

You'll wonder why I'm here — It is the rest time after ten strenuous weeks out in N.W. part of field & it is so because the women all are too busy getting ready for the Chinese New Year festival for us to do anything. We were a two days trip away from Ling-tao & after a few days would come back a day's trip to this place. Miss Tan insisted that I come here & that I'd get more rest & writing down than if I'd go in home, She is right I

3). four months out if I stay out this time. I hope that they will understand in at the station They don't have to go thru all the travel + packing + they can't conceive how I can be comfortable out here. I'm used now to my warm clothes + cool rooms. If I go in + change to foreign clothes + drafty houses I'll sure get a cold —
Then this church group here since the service yesterday needs help - if the master should please to use me to help them I'd be so happy!
The Holy Spirit did wonderfully bad yesterday — in the evening a young man (sixth sister-in-law's Son) came to pour of his sins + accept the Master. others here are hungry!
That's why I am here, now - I have had a couple days of

2. I know too for if I go in there's the house all to set in order & so many demands - folks to see & if I'd go in must have a dinner to welcome the new folks to our station, Ella Gerhart & Mr. & Mrs. Lautenslager who came in September & I've not yet done anything for them, I know I'd go madly here & there & when time came to leave I'd be all tired out — That sort of time last year began my list of illnesses — then the leaving on that early train is just a struggle to get house all closed up, water drained & off, so I'm here for the rest time unless something very important takes me in. I've been out now since last of November & will go from here to four more places before we go in — 6 weeks more or so — It will nearly

4] rest + written some letters
besides visiting with family;
Clad Mrs. Law is 90 this year —
She says she's ninety-two but the
others all say she has added a
year at her birthday besides
the Chinese count of all adding
the year at New Year — She's
pretty feeble — Saturday her
Klang caught fire + burned a
big hole in her mattress +
covers + she had quite a fright
that afternoon + night + ran off
at bowels + all feared it
might mean an illness but
by morn she was well again —
Has had a long life of most re-
markable health! She potters
on her cane from her room down
here several times each day
but won't sit long. We get
her started telling of the perse-
cutions she went thru at first
as she was the first one here to
believe + how her uncle went
out to meet her coming home

5/ from church at a nearby village. He had a wide iron pick to cut her head open but did not at last + then she tells how when he was near death She went to him + taught him to pray + of listning outside the window afterward + hearing him still praying. She won't last long surely now — It surely is lonely here + restful. I'm getting fat!!

I have your five letters from Oct 24 - Nov. 26. That were sent out to me in Christmas mail. I have'nt had a chance at all to answer them + only to read the post cards during these weeks! I hope you've gotten them all + not been worried over the lack of letters. I have weeks been strenuous + full - just no leisure for anything. I'll tell you about them later, first go thru your letters -

Thank you for sending out the

7] ones up in the intestine - never had anything to come down or on outside I'd had thought to have the operation at this time but if I had it would have been months of suffering + weid have had to drag out one place. That surely would have been bad. The Lord just leads so marvelously! Wasn't that wonderful guidance of God that He took you to Wood burn just in time to get the taxes money before Smith left! Praise Him for His care of you. Hope Alfen will take good care of the land,

Thank you so for pictures! I have that one of you in my Chinese Bible. You're so thin mummie mine! but so sweet - dear heart of mine. I do so praise Him for you! + pray that He will give you daily strength + care,

6/ reports I'll send you the 1-16
later. I can't from here. I received
my ten - am sure that Warren
will like his quilt. Thanks muuch
mine, I'll have to have the
quilt of Daddy's. So good that
Mrs. McCullough could help
you. I was real relieved to
get the details of your living
arrangement - not that I worried
but just wondered. Hope that
plan will be satisfactory to both!
Sounds all right, glad you've a
stove + downstairs room. Yes, I'm
glad too you're not alone all
the time.

My! I just praise the Master
daily that my hemmeroids
are out + I'm so well - no pain
whatever + it was surely a
marvelously quick healing.
I heard of others with the same
+ have had long range of
healing afterward. I don't
understand exactly but
Dr. Schmidt said they took
out veins, very deep seated

8] So you want a picture of me Minnie dear, I almost went back home just on that account but knew if you were here to decide you'd too think I should stay more quiet & rest here So when I go in I'll get a picture & Loney dear I won't wear a hat, nor the least shine anything — face powder I don't use anyway so you'll just be able to rest your heart. I'll try my best to look just like you want Loney dear!! It will be near spring before you get it I expect — You won't mind waiting? Yours had the letter for Julia Cull by now. That was nice of Mrs. Sharborn to remember me. Thank her!

Your prayer meeting every 4th a.m. & my new correspondent drops for us every Wednesday,

9/ She is mrs. M. G. Burkhart
2167 S.W. Yamhill Street
Portland. Miss Avis Samuelsons died in the summer.
I don't know yet whom to
write to at Calvary Presbyterian
Portland or to send report to
there - I sent the last letter I
wrote her to Rev. Mr. Giles.
Evidently Miss Samuelson had not
put recent reports in file & so Mrs.
Burkhart had'nt seen any letter.
Might be well to collect a few
old ones or anything you'd like
to send her. Matter your letter
& Eula too have Dr. McLean see about
your lemmeroids — don't wait till
you need a big operation. That
was nice of fosters to remember me.
They sent my christmas mail
out to me. Now about the cake-
Ruth wrote that it was just
spoiled all thru & nothing of it
to send me. Please don't feel badly
Matter. I felt just so sorry for
I knew the love & labor, &

11] I thank you mumsie mine so so much. — 心領 — my heart accepts it as the reality.

I hope you no long had my card telling you to please use the Board check with joyfulness. You must not feel that your doing wrong to use it. Why mumsie — I + I did not care for your needs + obey the Lord's command to honor thy father + Mother" how could the Lord bless my witness + urging respect + love to parents here! Besides I feel so grateful that I can be sure. If I couldn't help you that way then I'd feel I ought to go home to care for you — You must'nt think of me as skimping too much, I live simply compared to those at home but not simply as compared with common folks here — I eat vegitables + meat + have plenty of clothes —

You just use it gratefully thanking Him; that is enuf.

goodies that went into it. & no matter how much money I might have I couldn't buy its equal- I thank you! honey mine. I think the reason is that it has been an exceptionally warm winter - we had it had deep freezing weather the ponds have only a skim of ice that melts in the daytime. That must be the reason because the other years they have come thru in perfect condition. The question of their spoiling never came in before. It was just what Ray says of distance & expense - I can't buy a duplicate that is true. it is expensive to send that too is true but never before has it been a question of it being spoiled, With this added factor I suppose you'd better not try again for it is too painful for all concerned — to put so much into it & then have it spoiled,

12, Miss Law's brother will come today with this 2 weeks mail I do hope for a letter from Bud that he came arrived. If this time failed I don't know what to do next!

When Earl was here I was driving that old car + miss Law went part of time to help with it + for the ride + I wanted her to go to see the boat — that, was silly she was along —

You mention a gift from church this mail may have it — of course you'll know I'll answer when I get it. You can tell them I've been out since nov. + so far haven't had it.

Good for the famous lecturer! The girls were so pleased that the banner is still witnessing!

You must have more postage-sending Warren's Christmas things — how much was it?

I have had time out for a head wash in melted snow my it was nice. + we've had a new

13]. Yeau dainty — a steamed (W)
glutinous millet flour cake
eaten hot with melted brown
sugar on it. It does so remind
me of Christmas when we all were
home to come here. Thid sister-
in-law, miss Tan's mother has
made special food, today the
cook is helping her make peatze
as Hsiu tzu + her grandson are
coming home, We are fussed
around like at home waiting
+ getting rested. Answered to hers
These weeks out have been so wrapped
with His gracious love + blessing.
I think I have'nt told you of Tuchia
where we lived in a rich elder's
home. I told yaw of christmas.
We stayed on a week there after-
ward + of the heartache of
that place. The old christian
2 men, rich Elder + another man had
shares in a brewery, so self-satisfied
in their wealth — As far as we
could tell outwardly there was

15] groups. The leader is a Satanic medium at Da Clia — One of that number came to believe but Sheid not make a clear confession of sins so found no real release. Three young teen-age boys came to take stand for Christ + confessed all sins + had a slave of persecution before we left. Please pray for them. The old elder hasn't repented but he's the only one to lead Sunday services.

At Sla Kow - after two weeks of 3 times a day hammering those hardened hearts came thru — all of the group but again an old elder (who'd sold the former church property + been a skunk all around). As we prayed with him tears streamed from his eyes — but as far as we know still in Judas seat. The rest of the groups had

14] little result - but deep conviction + great resistance to Holy Spirit's call. Three non-Christian women took definite stand, fully confessed sins + came to a marvelous real experience of forgiveness + presence of Christ. One woman smoked since she was 6 yrs old + after her confession the desire was entirely (with one hand eating a luscious steaming sweet potato) taken away, a quarrel made up - + such a visible change there was in her! Slid no background of years - just what she got in that short time. One day she said "Jesus is so wonderful, I just want to be with Him - if He should lead me even to hell I'd gladly go!"

Here we saw a large group of old ladies going thru the heathen worship before 3 large printed idol scrolls, burning incense + paper chanting + bowing. Pitiful!! That section has such numbers of these

stirring ups + cleaning ups!
The old man's son in ulore Love me
lived gave up his alcahal + he could carry plenty
thought he'd try it again + was
thoroughly nauseated by a
swallow. (see mr. Stanley) His father after 3
days of no tabacco tried a pipe
+ was so drunkened by it that
he almost fell from his chair —
He said never again. If the Holy
Spirit didn't use these unusual
means none of these nominal
believers would budge. They're
lots harder of heart than new non-Christian
converts. One old man in his
confession told how for years he
was in league with Satan in a
gambling business. He never
lost + he said regardless of
the darkness of nite — at his
feet there was always a light.
This for several years he not followed.

17] These stories are mild to what we hear all about us now. We do not doubt Satan + his tricks level at Ma Lan. There used to be many believers but at Boxer time all went back but one old Mr. Chin, now dead. He had seven sons, they are now living on his divided-up estate. They had left Jesus for years — only not worshipped idols only — We must [illegible] the days now arrived at the beginning of this busy season — to not get a very warm reception — Wife of seventh son had had a bit of awakening a year ago; We just had a week but oh the Holy Spirit knew + just did work fast. I wish I could give details of each one. There is a story for each one but that is impossible. The first one to pass out her sins took fully 3 hrs

15) Evangelist or King with her while service we're on! I've been thru this dumping out process with no less than 500 persons but never in all my wildest fantacies could I conceive such a torrent of horrible sins — It wasn't made up either — a baptized Christian but absolutely left Master for nearly 20 yrs - sure really had Him in her heart - in name only —
for three nights before we arrived She couldn't sleep — thought perhaps She was to die but such unrest! When the message reached her of our arrival She said "oh! then I'm going back to Jesus"!
She did, all of the families
of 4 sons of the six at home
all came thru in confession + reality of Jesus as Saviour! A group from a nearby church came for a class in Second Coming + it was great!

19] my the change in the husband of
some where we lived! Had been
to France all had seen Knocked any
belief out of him — It was the
second coming leading that tripped
him. My we had a day + nite of
heaven there with them — my the
send off + reception couldnt
be compared. Skyie going to build
a house on 4th son's land for a
church — pray for them —

Now I want to tell you the
wonderful miracle on the way home.
A few years ago I might have
doubted this — you may —
anyway I cant but intress to
you about it — It is much easier
for me to believe since we've been
this 30 months of supernatural these
years — in clear dealing of god
with men —

We'd gone some miles from Ma
San thru a section of few villages
+ what there were absolutely
unchristian. I was sitting in front
of big open cart trying to decide
whether to go to Tsingtao for three
days or to remain in Huo Lin Chuan

Hoodoo !!

I forgot to write
on this side !

There is a chinese
word same sound but dif
& same meaning !

25 otherwise I suppose we'd been weary!
It was a wonderful experience - till
my death I'm sure it will be
vivid in my mind! Oh the love
of it + the glory of it + the
tender care. I marvel at it!
going over those dangerous places in
just perfect peace! Mummie dear
you take the message to yourself:
Rest your heart about us - with
such love to lead us!
As I say - some years ago I'd doubt
this - but I can't but know it
was that + it was His love to
us. We've been thru so much that
years ago I had not the experience
to prove - now, what I know tho I praise Him
for some growth in this line —
I can't tell it to everyone - not
all could receive it. From every
human explanation it can't
be explained — so praise Him.
My! this is a big letter now
I'll close. Miss Sands here
love + hopes you become a
famous lecturer! All send love

Chiure matter asks after
about you (She forgets she's artist)
She enjoyed your picture too —
I expect the coach to go in to
run errands tomorrow + he
can take this in. Hope you're
not tired out reading so
much!

Must love to all to
Twins + Margie —
church group — my precious
family — I love you all

Yours —

Friend

1 Angle Chair